

FBI FUTURE AGENTS IN TRAINING ACADEMY APPLICATION SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

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The Summer FBI FAIT (Future Agents In Training) Academy will welcome high school to those who will be juniors and seniors in the 2020 fall semester to Springfield Division's program hosted by Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 23, 24, and 25. Punctuality, professional behavior, and appropriate dress will be required of all students attending this program.

The program is not exclusive to students interested in criminal justice. Due to the vast diversity in our workforce, any student with an interest in the FBI, what we do and how a relationship with the FBI can help their school is encouraged to apply. All students will be evaluated based on their application (GPA, school activities and community involvement) and essay to determine which students will be offered a seat in the class. None of the above elements will be the sole basis of evaluation of an application and the application process should be taken seriously by all applicants.

This application and supporting essay must be received at the following address by 5 p.m. on **April 10, 2020**, for panel review. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

Springfield FBI
Attn: Brad Ware, Public Affairs Specialist
900 East Linton Avenue
Springfield, Illinois. 62703

Fax: 217-757-3534 Email: wbware@fbi.gov

Application Checklist:

☐ Student application:

- Student information complete;
- o Parent/guardian information complete and signed;
- School information complete;
- o Endorsing school official information complete;
- o School official notation of student's GPA (checks will be made).
- ☐ Essay indicating why the student wants to be part of the program and how the experience will serve the school:
 - o Typed;
 - o No more than two pages, single-spaced;
 - o Essay format with proper capitalization and punctuation;
 - o Name and email on each page.
- □ Release/indemnity form signed by parent/guardian indicated on the application form.

Students will be notified of their application status via email by close of business on May 1, 2020. Students selected to attend the FBI FAIT Academy will be given additional information about the program and will be required to confirm their planned attendance.

Questions regarding the FBI FAIT Academy or the application process can be directed to Public Affairs Specialist Brad Ware at (217) 757-3542 or wbware@fbi.gov.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the FBI Teen Academy

Q. Is the program only for high school juniors and seniors?

A. Yes, the program has been designed for high school juniors and seniors to ensure that they have at least one year remaining in their academic career at the school. This enables students to share the information they have learned and serve as peer mentors, when appropriate.

Q. Is the essay important?

A. Yes, the essay is important as it is often the first element of the application package that is reviewed by our panelists. This is an opportunity for the student to explain why they should attend and what benefit of the class will be beyond the student's own experience. In other words, a high GPA in absence of a well written essay and vice versa can be problematic.

Q. Do 4.0 students get a guaranteed seat in the class?

A. GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and no student will be assured a seat by GPA alone. All students must submit a well-written essay detailing why they want to attend the academy and how the experience will benefit their school as well as have school activities and community involvement that demonstrate that he or she is a well-rounded student.

Q. Is a particular GPA required?

A. GPA is not the only method of student evaluation and a minimum GPA is not stated; however, given the competitive nature of the application process, it is advantageous for a student to have a combination of a good GPA, well-written essay, school activities and community involvement.

Q. Does a student have to have specific experience or interest in law enforcement to be a successful candidate?

A. No, a student does not need to be in a criminal justice program, explorers program, ROTC, etc. The primary objective is to identify students who are capable of leadership and have an interest in what the FBI does.

Q. Is this experience similar to an internship?

A. The FBI FAIT Academy is not an internship and while students may be offered case studies drawn from adjudicated cases, students will not be exposed to active cases or day-to-day investigations.

Q. I love forensic science! Will I get to learn techniques?

A. While students will be exposed to some basic evidence collection techniques during one of the many sessions, the day covers a wide variety of topics from a classroom and experiential perspective as well as concepts that are designed to enhance student awareness of issues such as cybercrime, cyber bullying and more.



FBI PHOTOGRAPH CONSENT/RELEASE

During your participation in an FBI Community Outreach Program event or activity, an FBI photographer may photograph the event or activity. By signing this consent/release form, you agree that your image appearing in any such photograph may be used by the FBI and the Community Outreach Program for public affairs purposes.

I agree to release and authorize any photographs, as described above, to be used in FBI media print or online communications, including, but not limited to FBI.gov, the FBI Community Outreach Facebook page, and all other related publications.

Participant's Printed Name	
Participant's Parent/ Guardian Signature	
Participant's Parent/ Guardian Printed Name	
Date Signed	



YOUTH PROGRAM/CAMP INFORMED CONSENT, RELEASE AND AUTHORIZATION

Name of Program/Camp:
Date(s) and Location(s) of Program/Camp:
Description of Activity:
Participant Name:
I, the undersigned, am a parent or legal guardian of the above-named minor participant ("Child"). I wish for my Child to participate in the above-referenced youth program/camp ("Program") on the date(s) and location(s) indicated above and, in consideration for my Child's participation in the Program, I agree as follows:
1. I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Program may expose my Child to certain risks associated with participation in physical activities, including the risk of serious physical injury. I voluntarily assume, on behalf of my Child, responsibility for all foreseen and unforeseen risks that my Child may encounter as a result of participation in the Program.
2. I agree to release, discharge, and hold harmless the United States; the Department of Justice; the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the agents or employees of the same (collectively, "Federal employees"), both in their individual and official capacities, from any and all liability for any claim or demand in law or in equity arising from or related to any injury or illness my Child may sustain as a direct or indirect result of participation in the Program.
3. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless all Federal employees from any and all third party claims arising as a direct or indirect result of my Child's participation in the Program. This indemnity shall include, without limitation, reasonable attorney's fees and all other reasonable costs incurred by Federal employees in defending any third party matter.
4. In the event that I fail to honor my obligations under this agreement, I further agree to pay all reasonable attorneys' fee and costs necessary to enforce this agreement or to defend any action brought in default of this agreement. This agreement shall b unlimited as to amount or duration.
5. By my signature below, I certify that my Child is in good physical health, and I am unaware of any infirmity, condition disability or injury which would prevent my Child from participating fully in the Program.
AUTHORIZATION FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE. In the event of a medical emergency, I authorize Federal employee to use their discretion to apply any and all measures they deem necessary to stabilize my child's condition until medical assistance is available.
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian
Date